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THE FOL TEL RECVD FROM MONTREAL DATED DEC 14, 1973 TO
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FROM USREP ICAO

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SUBJ: POLITICS IN ICAO

1. COUNCIL REPS DEEPLY CONCERNED REGARDING AFRICAN BLOC

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POLITICS AND STATUS OF ORGANIZATION. BELGIAN COMMENTED TO USREP
THAT HE FEELS HE IS "LOSING HIS VERY LIFE" BECAUSE HE SEES ICAO
SLIPPING AWAY. UK, NETHERLANDS, CZECHO., LEBANON, NORWAY, ETC,
CALLEE TN USREP TO EXPRESS DEEP CONCERN AND REQUEST THAT USG
TAKE OVER LEADERSHIP OF COUNTER EFFORT PRIOR NEXT SESSION WHEN
SENEGAL PROPOSAL COMES BEFORE COUNCIL.

2. LA BLOC WHICH HAS BEEN ANXIOUS FOR PAST FEW MONTHS NOW
SAYING "I TOLD YOU SO". BRAZIL SUGGESTION FOR REVISION OF ORGAN-
IZATION TRANSMITTED DILLON/GRIP CONFIDENTIALLY. BRAZIL REP
HAS CIRCULATED COPIES TO NON-BLOC COUNCIL MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE
COUNTER MEASURE ADMITTING THAT BLOC-CONTROLLED ASSEMBLY WOULD
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NOT VOTE IL IN. LEBANON TOLD USREP DEC 14 HE HAS NOW CONFIRMED

THAT THIS IS "MUCH MORE SERIOUS" THAN PERSONAL DIALLO EFFORT AND "APEALS" TO US TO "DO SOMETHING". HE, LIKE SEVERAL OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS DEPARTING THIS DATE FOR HOLIDAYS CAPITAL CITIES. WILL BE CONSULTING WITH RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

3. SECGEN ADVISED USREP CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE FEELS "READY TO TELL THE ORGANIZATION GOODBYE" AND HE IS READY TO EXPECT MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO "TAKE THEIR MONEY AND LEAVE". BECAUSE OF WARNER AWARD CEREMONY AND PRESENCE WIDOW OF RECIPIENT, JAPANESE AMB AND FOROAL DELEGATION, USREP HAS NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH PRES COUNCIL. HOWEVER, HE KNOWS AND COUNCIL REPS (ARE OPENLY DISCUSSING) THAT IF DIALLO PROPOSAL VOTED BY ASSEMBLY, BINAGHI MAY WELL BE CHALLENGED FOR PRESIDENCY.

4. IN ADDITION TO COCKY ATTITUDE DIALLO AND AFRICANS THIS WEEK, DIALLO CALLED USREP ASIDE AT JAPANESE CEREMONY AND SAID THAT NEW ROBERTS FIELD FIR ARRANGEMENT GIVING DAKAR PROBLEMS MOSTLY BECAUSE OF PANAM PILOTS. HE HAS GIVEN BINAGHI LETTER OF CONCERN ALTHOUGH HE SAYS LETTER DOES NOT MENTION PANAM SPECIFICALLY.

5. COUNCIL REPS EXCEPT AFRICANS UNABLE EXPLAIN DEVELOPMENTS LAST TWO WEEKS BUT INCLINED ATTRIBUTE TO DIALLO AMBITION AND REQUEST US DIPLOMATIC DEMARCHE.

6. ABOVE FOR RECORD ONLY. USREP EXPECTS DISCUSS DETAILS DURING CONSULTATION WEEK OF DEC. 17.

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